

From slave to Son because of a Savior

Philemon

Greeting: (vv. 1-3)

- Author – Apostle Paul, Timothy was with Paul.
- Recipients – Philemon, (fellow worker for the Lord) Apphia (wife?) and Archippus (son?) Family unit – “your house”

Introduction: (vv. 4-7) Paul:

- Thanked Philemon.
- Prayed for Philemon.
- Encouraged Philemon
- Established a proper rapport with Philemon – **Key!**

Issues at hand:

- Missing property (Onesimus)
- Angry owner (Philemon)

Requests: (vv. 8-20a)

- Show kindness to Onesimus.
- Accept Onesimus back as a servant of God not as a slave of man.
- Give me this encouragement in Christ. (vv. 20b-25)

Points to Ponder:

- Make sure you communicate the goodness you see in others!
- Make sure you show kindness to others in proportion to what you expect in return from others!
- Make sure you always accept God's people for who they are now, not condemn them for what they were before!
- Make sure your life is known for your encouraging words to others!